

Bless Israel!

Overview of the Book of Obadiah

“I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse.” **Genesis 12:3**

“Because of the violence done to your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you, and you shall be cut off forever.” **Obadiah 1:10**

The Beginning

“Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau’s heel, so his name was called Jacob.” **Genesis 25:26**

The Boasting

“The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rock, in your lofty dwelling, who say in your heart, ‘Who will bring me down to the ground?’” **Obadiah 1:3**

“But do not gloat over the day of your brother in the day of his misfortune; do not rejoice over the people of Judah in the day of their ruin; do not boast in the day of distress.” **Obadiah 1:12**

The Burning

“The house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau stubble; they shall burn them and consume them, and there shall be no survivor for the house of Esau, for the LORD has spoken.” **Obadiah 1:18**

The Beginning

“Saviors shall go up to Mount Zion to rule Mount Esau, and the kingdom shall be the LORD’s.” **Obadiah 1:21**

Obadiah: Key Issues, Verses and Cross References

Pride

Obadiah 1:3 *The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rock, in your lofty dwelling, who say in your heart, “Who will bring me down to the ground?”*

Cross Reference: 1 Peter 5:5 *Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”*

Rejoicing Over Other’s Misfortune

Obadiah 1:12 *Do not gloat over the day of your brother in the day of his misfortune.*

Cross References: Matthew 5:44 *Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.*

Luke 13:2-3 *Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.*

The Day of the Lord Brings Just Retribution

Obadiah 1:15 *For the day of the LORD is near upon all the nations. As you have done, it shall be done to you; your deeds shall return on your own head.*

Cross References: Matthew 6:14-15 *For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

Matthew 7:1-2 *Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged.*

The King Is Coming

Obadiah 1:21 *The kingdom shall be the LORD’s.*

Cross Reference: Acts 1:11 *Why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.*